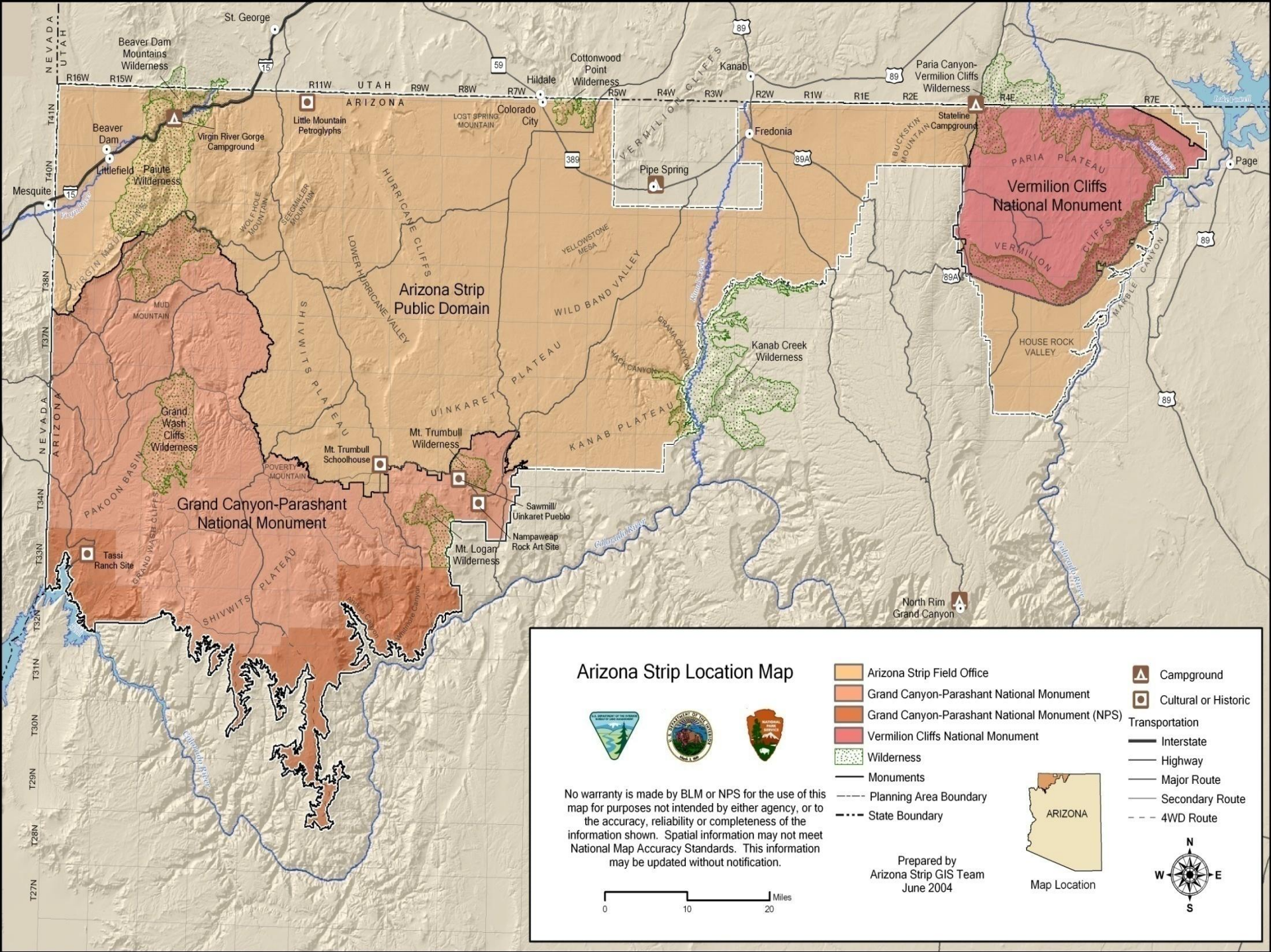


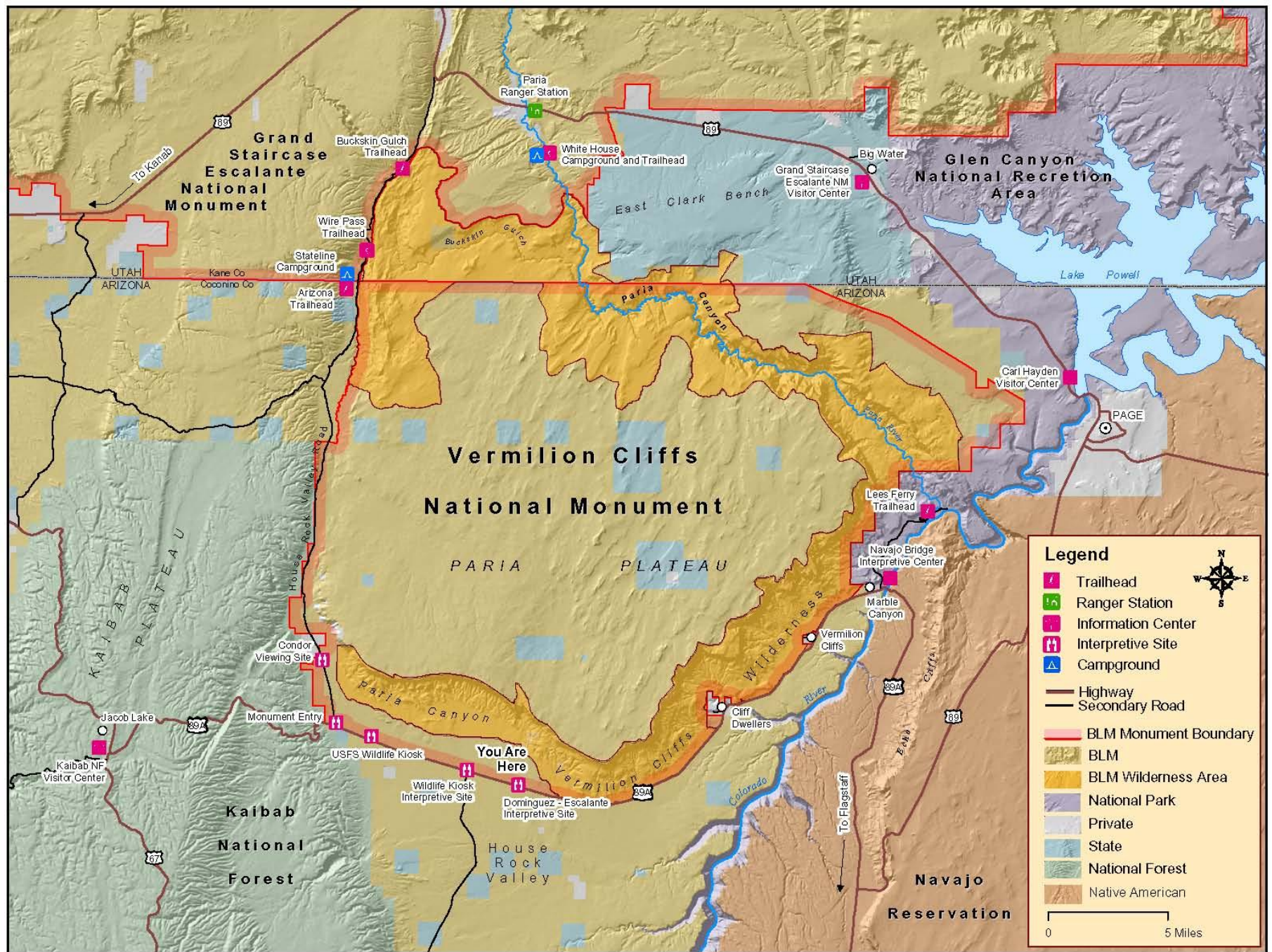
Kaibab-Vermilion Cliffs Heritage Alliance



**Informal alliance to understand cultural resources,
Eastern Arizona Strip**

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Partners

Memorandum of Understanding

- ❧ Coconino County, Arizona
- ❧ Grand Canyon Trust
- ❧ Museum of Northern Arizona
- ❧ Arizona Strip District BLM
- ❧ Kaibab National Forest
- ❧ Grand Canyon National Park
- ❧ Glen Canyon National Recreation Area

Partners (continued)



- œ Northern Arizona University
- œ University of Nevada at Las Vegas
- œ Brigham Young University
- œ Arizona Site Stewards
- œ Private Researchers

Mission



- œ To develop a deeper understanding of the cultural resources of the eastern Arizona Strip and help preserve, protect, manage, and interpret those resources.
- œ Preserving, Protecting and Interpreting the Cultural Resources of the Arizona Strip

Partner's Roles



- ∞ Federal Land Managing Agencies (BLM, NPS, USFS) = land managers, Federal perspective
- ∞ Coconino County = Primary supporter (\$\$, initiated KVCHA)
- ∞ Grand Canyon Trust = Primary supporter (\$\$, volunteer coordination and support, researcher and volunteer housing)
- ∞ University, museum and private researchers = expertise, direction, research
- ∞ Arizona Site Stewards, volunteers = labor, expertise

Strategies



- ❧ Hire a coordinator – to keep group together and moving forward (with county and Grand Canyon Trust \$\$)
- ❧ Meet regularly – quarterly (conference calls every other meeting)
- ❧ Communicate through coordinator and in meetings
- ❧ Have a fall and spring volunteer project – rotate among Federal land managing agencies
- ❧ Jointly identify needs and move forward

Volunteer Projects









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Field School of Archaeology

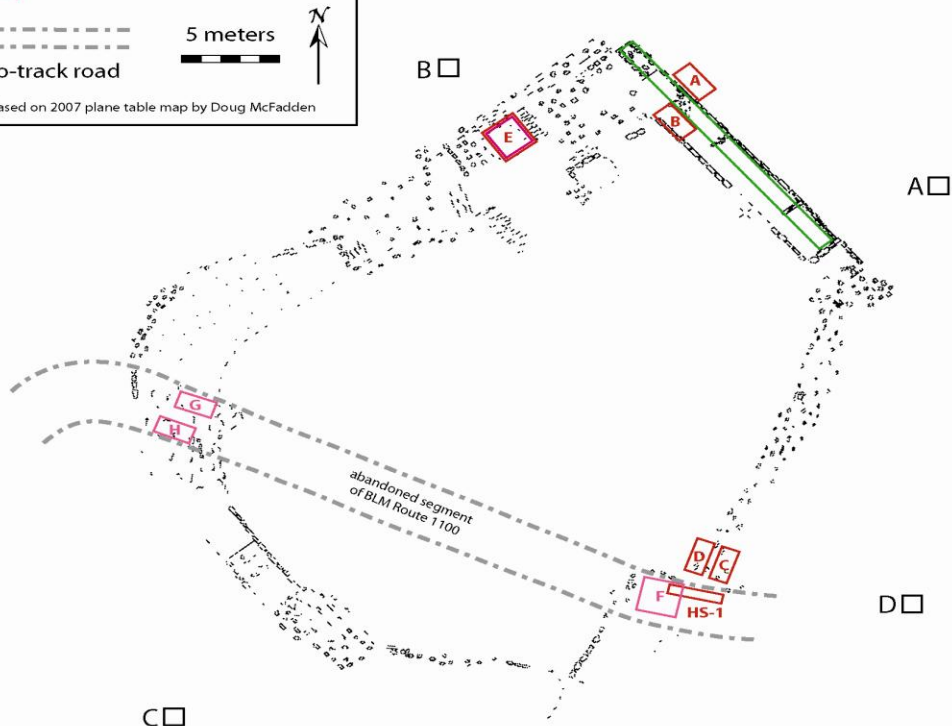
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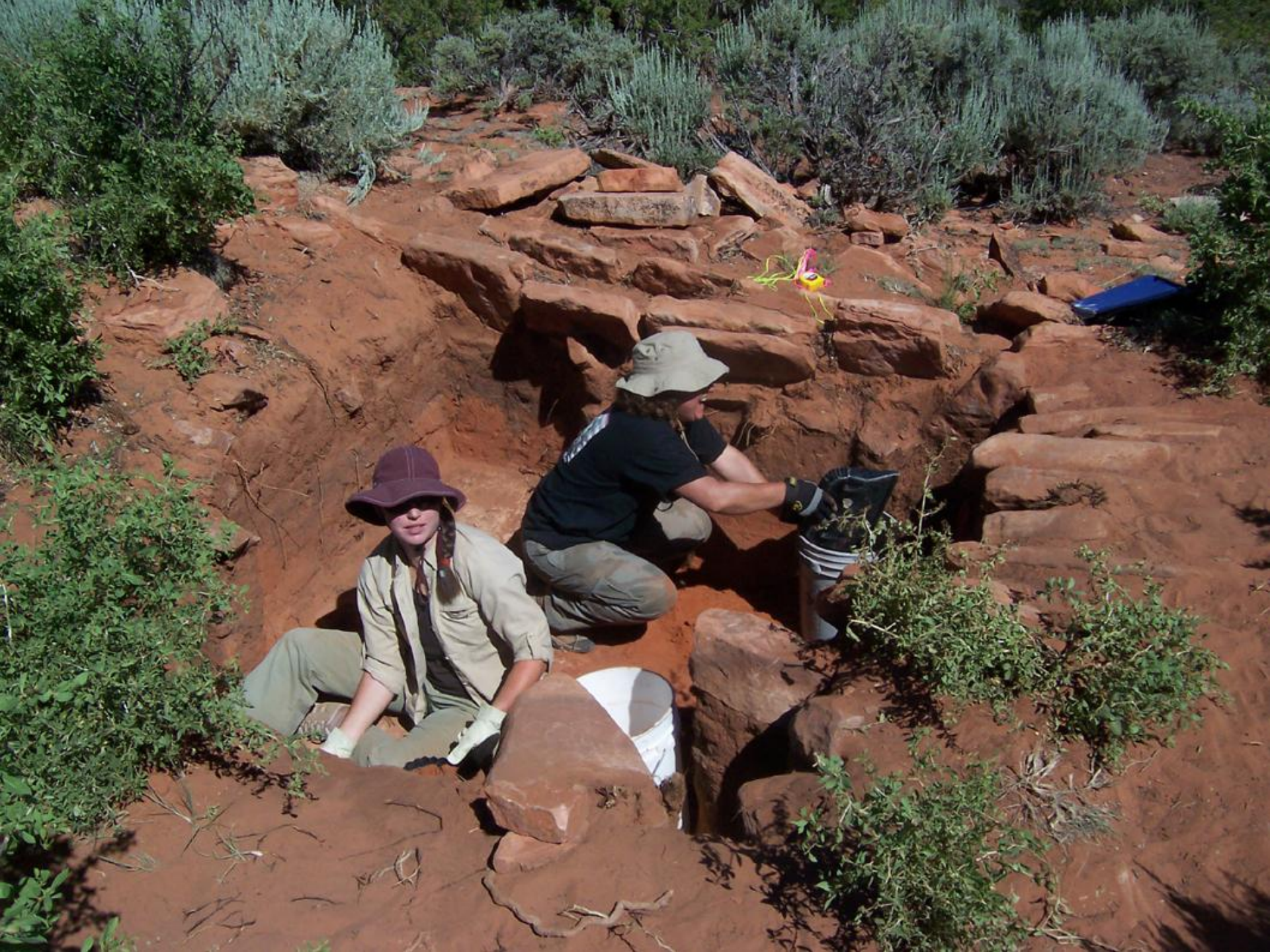
AZ B:4:57 (MNA)

- 2007 excavations
- 2008 excavations
- 2009 observation units
- 2010 excavations

5 meters
two-track road

Based on 2007 plane table map by Doug McFadden





Challenges



- ❧ Funding and staffing
- ❧ Consistent partner support/participation
- ❧ College students to attend field school of archaeology
- ❧ Structural organization – depends on Grand Canyon Trust
- ❧ More active tribal participation

Outcomes (planned)



- ❧ Learn more about the cultural resources of the area
 - ❧ More cultural inventory
 - ❧ More sites recorded
 - ❧ More research
- ❧ Better understanding of the Monument objects (cultural resources) in Vermilion Cliffs NM and on USFS/NPS-administered lands so they could be protected and interpreted for the public
- ❧ Tribal participation for a better understanding of cultural resources

Outcomes/benefits (real)



- ❧ Online bibliography for researchers, public
<http://www.grandcanyontrust.org/kane/kaibab-vermilion-cliffs.php>
- ❧ Regional prehistoric ceramic and lithic conferences and publications
- ❧ Regional archaeological symposium highlighting research for the public
- ❧ Public volunteer opportunities, education and awareness

Outcomes/benefits

(continued)



- ❧ Archaeological field school (4 seasons) – student training, research, inventory
- ❧ Semi-annual volunteer projects (spring and fall) focusing on inventory and recording – benefits land managers, researchers, volunteers, students and public;
 - ❧ 6,600 acres inventoried
 - ❧ Over 400 sites recorded
- ❧ Regular interaction/cooperation among researchers in region – benefits researchers, land managers, and public
 - ❧ Federal agencies
 - ❧ private researchers
 - ❧ museums
 - ❧ universities

Awards



- ❧ Preserve America Steward Award – Michelle Obama presented this award from the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation in 2010.
- ❧ Windows on the Past Award. U.S. Forest Service, Southwestern Region presented this award in 2008, in recognition of an "innovative and cooperative approach."
- ❧ Governor's Heritage Preservation Award. The Arizona Governor presented this award to the alliance in 2009 in the nonprofit category.

Lessons Learned



- ❧ Be patient – a little effort goes a long way over time
- ❧ Listen to each other and be willing to be flexible and to change
- ❧ Be inclusive – encourage broad participation
- ❧ Don't hesitate to begin, even if you don't have the resources (\$\$ or personnel)
- ❧ Together we can accomplish what we could not do alone

Best Practices



- ∞ Meet regularly and have face-to-face meetings, when possible
- ∞ Informal networks require an individual or organization to anchor the work so that continued progress and results can be achieved (for KVCHA it is Grand Canyon Trust and the KVCHA Coordinator position)
- ∞ Communicate, communicate, communicate



Fall 2009



Spring 2008

Thanks to all our volunteers



Spring 2010



Summer 2010

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Arizona Strip, Northwestern Arizona

*Together we have been able to do what we could not do
alone.*